of Power in Government of India has launched Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards reduction in aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector. Rs 13.03 Crores in 2000-01 and Rs. 32.12 Crores in 2002-03 have been released for sub-transmission and distribution schemes under APDRP to Uttar Pradesh. The schemes have been recently taken up and the effect by way of improvement in supply to consumers can be assessed after successful implementation.

Evaluation Study on Watershed Projects in A.P.

882. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Rural Development had sponsored an evaluation study on Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh by Agricultural Finance Corporations;

(b) if so, the findings of the study;

(c) the recommendations of study;

(d) in the light of findings of the study, whether Government proposes to sanction more projects for Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) A quick evaluation study of the watershed projects in the country including Andhra Pradesh was undertaken during 1999-2000 through the Agricultural Finance Corporation, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) The Study had covered the implementation of watershed projects in 17 Districts under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), in 11 Districts under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and in 1 District under Desert Development Programme (DDP) during the years 1995-98. These projects covered a total area of 15.10 lakh ha. *i.e.* 12.52 lakh ha. under DPAP, 1.51 lakh ha. under DDP and

1.07 lakh ha. under IWDP.The Study found that an amount of Rs. 141.44 crores had been incurred under the three Programmes on major activities such as soil conservation, farm ponds, percolation tanks, horticulture, pasture development, afforestation, plantation of timber & fuel wood etc.

(d) New projects for development of 6.68 lakh ha. at a total cost of about Rs. 400.00 crores, spread over a period of five years, have been sanctioned under the three Programmes for various Districts of Andhra Pradesh from 1.4.2000 to 31.1.2003.

(e) Does not arise.

Sanction of funds for different schemes of rural development

†883. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated funds to every State under Sampoorna Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Swam jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana, Watershed Programme and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the years 2000-2001,2001 -2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the amount allocated under each programme, year-wise during the said years; and

(c) the actual amount spent out of the amount allocated for the above years for every work in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The amount allocated by the Ministry of Rural Development to States/UTs under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the expenditure reported by the States/UTs, during the years 2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03 are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 198, Annexure No. 5]. While projects are sanctioned under the Watershed Development Programmes there is no annual allocation of funds for Watershed Programmes by the Ministry.

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†Origlnal notice of the question was received In Hindi.